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MEMORANDUM FOR: Mr. G. J. Clinton, NIS Coordinator
for the Department of State

SUBJECT: A Study of the Use of the NIS in the Field

1. The Office of Basic Intelligence has examined the Department of State document, "A Study of the Use of the NIS in the Field," dated 5 August 1958, which contains analyses and recommendations relative to replies to an NIS-use questionnaire sent to Foreign Service posts throughout the world.

2. The dominant significance of the Study tabulations is, in terms of intelligence and the NIS mission, the remarkably high level of valuable use of the NIS by post Political and Economic officers and Service attaches. Of these primary NIS customers among the field personnel surveyed, 98% read all or (as would be anticipated) selective portions of the NIS for the country of post location. Over two-thirds regularly or occasionally use the NIS. The proportion finding the NIS helpful is a very high 73%.

3. There is meaningful distinction between these responses (over two-thirds of the total received) and the problem of limited use of the NIS by other post personnel, for which the Study appropriately ~~ACKNOWLEDGES~~ suggests potential corrective action. Of interest is the fact that, of requests for an additional 3,345 NIS sections generated by the distribution, more than 1,700 were on adjacent or politically related topics and 29 substantiate the findings of previous surveys that published basic intelligence Committee Member of Army is a major element in the value of the NIS. Enclosed is Bureau of Budget Questions - 16 Oct 58 and more, subject information on the post's country. Various comments in the questionnaire replies indicate misconceptions of the purpose and nature of the NIS. Clarke suggested desirability of NIS gravity must be balanced against the indicated need of the Soviet Bloc posts for detailed information in the NIS.

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SUBJECT: A Study of the Use of the MI6. X

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1. The study has been prepared by the Inter-Agency Permanent MI6 Committee, which consists of representatives from the Central Intelligence Agency, Defense Intelligence Agency, Federal Bureau of Investigation, National Security Agency, National Security Council, Office of the Director of Central Intelligence, and the Defense Intelligence Agency.

2. The study is intended to provide a broad perspective on the use of the MI6 program.

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4. The study incorporates a variety of comments and suggestions for making the MI6 more functionally and readily useful to this limited segment of the large total of MI6 resources.

Each of the principal suggestions has previously received the active and considered attention of the inter-agency permanent MI6 Committee which, in its capacity as focal point for the basic intelligence requirements of the U.S. Government, will continue to examine these and the many other aspects of the MI6 program in terms of across-the-board intelligence community considerations.

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and
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